

Date: 24 September 2019

Re: Freedom of Information Request
Ref: 240 - 2019

Thank you for your email dated the 28th August 2019, requesting information in relation to medical locums.

The information that you require is as follows:

- 1. What was the highest amount you spent on a single medical locum shift (regardless of length) in a. the current financial year 2019-20 to date b. 2018-19 and c. 2017-18? Please state specialty and grade involved, length of shift and date/dates worked in each case. Please include any agency commission.**

- 2019-2020: £1,073.44 (134.18 per hour) 8 hour shift, Consultant Clinical Oncologist (06.09.2019)**
- 2018-2019: £1,080 (135.00 per hour) 8 hours, Consultant Clinical Oncologist (01.03.2019)**
- 2017-2018: £1,000 (125.00 per hour) 8 hours, Consultant Radiologist (12.03.2018)**

- 2. With regard to the highest amount spent in the current financial year, was this shift offered to doctors at your trust? Did their reasons for**

refusal relate to concerns over the tax treatment of pension contributions?

No

3. How much did you spend on locum medics each month in the following periods

Financial year 2017-18

Financial year 2018-19

So far this financial year (please state end date)

Medical & Dental Agency spend is as follows:

17/18 = £285,260

18/19 = £912,636

19/20 M1-4 = £657,890

How many shifts were involved in each period?

Please give figures broken down by month e.g. April 2017 £75,000 (150 shifts) May 2017 £100,000 (29 shifts) etc

Following a scoping exercise completed by our Workforce & Organisational Development Department, it has become evident that in order to meet the full requirements of this question, there would be a significant impact on both time and workload within the Trust. As the information requested is not held centrally, in order to collate this information would require a member of staff to request, manually review, and cross reference a large number of invoices against other information resources, and extract the requested information. It is estimated that this would be in excess of 18 hours.

Section 12 of the Act makes provision for public authorities to refuse requests for information where the cost of dealing with them would exceed the 'appropriate limit', which for local authorities is £450, or

18 hours (at £25 per hour). This represents the estimated cost of one person spending 2.5 working days locating the documents that contain the information and extracting the relevant information containing it. This would take considerable time and cost which we estimate will exceed the “appropriate limit”.

Should you require any further information please do not hesitate to contact me on the email address provided below.

Please remember to quote the reference number above in any future communications.

If you are dissatisfied with the handling of your request, you have the right to ask for this to be investigated internally.

If you are dissatisfied with the information you have received, you have the right to ask for an internal review.

Both processes will be handled in accordance with our Trust’s Freedom of Information Policy and the Freedom of Information Act 2000.

Internal investigation and internal review requests should be submitted within two months of the date of receipt of the response to your original letter and should be addressed to: Freedom of Information Review, The Clatterbridge Cancer Centre NHS Foundation Trust, Clatterbridge Road, Bebington, Wirral, CH63 4JY

If you are not satisfied with the outcome of the internal investigation/review, you have the right to apply directly to the Information Commissioner for a decision. The Information Commissioner can be contacted at: Information Commissioner’s Office, Wycliffe House, Water Lane, Wilmslow, Cheshire, SK9 5AF.

In order for us to ensure customer satisfaction and to monitor compliance with the Freedom of Information Act 2000, we would be grateful if you could take a couple of minutes to complete a short feedback form via the link below:

<https://www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/H39RFMM>